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Via ECFS
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We are consumers who recently switched our family service to Sonic. We couldn't be happier. We chose Sonic as soon as their service became available in our neighborhood. We especially chose them because they are an independent, competitive provider, offering excellent broadband service at a much reduced rate. We have had terrible service and pricing experiences with ATT, Verizon and Comcast over the years.

As retirees, we cannot afford as many regular price increases, as we experienced time and time again, with ATT, Verizon and Comcast. We would be offered one low price for signing a contract, and then were soon changed to much too expensive pricing, over and over again, with each of the aforementioned big companies.

I am also a freelance designer. I must have excellent broadband because I do all my business online. Being older, we no longer go out much, so our streaming services are important as well. We've never had better or faster service, and certainly NOT at the rate that we have through Sonic. We were early adopters of internet. No service we've ever had was even close to as good as this.

I IMPLORE you not to deregulate service. There will be NO competition and terrible service in our area, all over again. Keep the independents local and competitive.

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